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SUBJECT: Additional Talking Points for Calls to Congressmen to Urge Support for Kemp Amendment to FY-64

Omnibus Supplemental

Attached are additional talking points provided by ARA "(Mr. Michel) for use in our effort to telephone the 148 swing Members seeking support for the Kemp Amendment.

These talking points can be provided to supportive Members.

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The Committee's actions on DA, MAP and ESF on the FY-94 supplemental are inconsistent with the vote in the House on May 10 which authorized the first two years of the Jackson Plan for Cental America. The cuts will severely handicap our efforts to support the emerging democratic trends in the region -- free elections this year in El Salvador, Panama and Guatemala. The cuts represent a repudiation of the Bipartisan Commission's strong recommendation that the U.S. must provide immediate assistance to

ECONOMIC-SUPPORT PUNDS (ESF)

- The Committee's reduction of \$65 million from the \$90 million FY84 supplemental ESF request for El Salvador will make it impossible for the Salvadoran economy to obtain the minimum level of imports needed to permit a modest expansion in economic activity, employment levels and income.
 - Similarly, the Committee's reduction of \$52.5 million from the \$72.5 million FY-84 supplemental ESF request for Honduras will cripple Hondura's effort to arrest the economic decline and to make a downpayment on the major long-term task of economic development. It would also directly undercut Hondura's recently adopted austere economic stabilization program.
- -- The elimination of the entire \$30 million ESF funding for Panama will deprive it of needed assistance to deal with the severe unemployment problem, which is engendering political instability.
- The elimination of any supplemental funds for Belize immediate for this small, democratic country to will make it impossible for this small, democratic country to overcome its very serious fiscal and balance of payments problems.
- -- The elimination of the entire \$28 million requested for the regional ESF program will prevent us from providing assistance to the Central American Common Market and therefore delay the process of reestablishing intra-regional trade flows.

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- -- The 65% cut in the request for military assistance to El Salvador is a serious blow to our ability to support the Duarte government.
- -- It is the kind of action which the NBCCA decried when it unanimously stated that "The worst possible policy for El Salvador is to provide just enough aid to keep the war going but too little to wage it successfully."
- The restoration of the funds is critical to our effort to provide the necessary security shield for democracy, progress in human-rights and economic development.

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- -- It is most ironic that these cuts are put forward at a time when El-Salvador just completed two rounds of free elections and the inauguration of the first freely elected President in over 50 years.
 - -- The Committee's actions, if permitted to stand, will undercut the Duarte Administration's pledges to proceed with a vigorous program for further progress in democratization, human rights and economic development and national reconciliation.
- radicalized armed guerrillas intend to continue the armed struggle in an intensified manner. This has been revealed not only by the recent forceful recruitment of campesinos into the guerrilla forces but also by the statements of various guerrilla commanders.
- -- The 80% cut to the RMTC undercuts our effort to train a professional Salvadoran military at the lowest possible cost while maintaining only a minimal U.S. training presence in El Salvador.
- -- The 73% reduction in MAP assistance for Honduras would widen the already large gap between Honduras' military capability and the massive and growing military machine of Micaragua. This, in turn, would increase the vulnerability of Honduras -- with its nascent democracy and fragile economy -- to Nicaraguan pressure and subversion.

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- ** This is in addition to the 62 for El Salvador emergency provided in P.L. 98-332.
 - *** Regional Military Training Center.